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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM PINS PINT CG

SUBJ: DEMARCHE TO GOZ ON IDIOFA INCIDENT: FOLLOW UP WITH GENERAL
BABIA

REF: A. KINSHASA 1486, B. KINSHASA 1477

1. IN MEETING WITH GENERAL BABIA, COORDINATOR OF GENERAL STAFF,
ON FEB 16, CHIEF ZAMISH FOLLOWED UP AMBASSADOR'S FEB 10 DEMARCHE
TO PRES MOBUTU ON INCIDENT INVOLVING FORCIBLE WITNESSING BY
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS OF IDIOFA EXECUTIONS (PARA 7, REF A). CHIEF
ZAMISH EMPHASIZED THAT PCVS ARE SCATTERED ABOUT COUNTRY IN SMALL
GROUPS OR ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AND NEED FULL COOPERATION AND
PROTECTION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF GOZ. HE SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO ASS-
URING WELFARE AND SAFETY OF VOLUNTEERS, WE MUST MAKE CERTAIN THAT
THEY AVOID BECOMING ASSOCIATED WITH DOMESTIC ZAIRIAN EVENTS OR
ISSUES WHERE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IS CLEARLY INAPPROPRIATE.

2. GEN BABIA SAID HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH WORK OF PCVS THROUGH
HIS ASSOCIATION WITH ACTIONA KUSAIDA AND MAMA MOBUTU'S WORKS (CHAR-
ITABLE PROGRAMS). HE EXPRESSED HIGHEST ESTEEM FOR DEDICATION AND
EFFECTIVENESS OF VOLUNTEERS. BABIA SAID HE HAD BEEN UNAWARE OF IDIOFA
INCIDENT UNTIL PRES MOBUTU DESCRIBED IT TO HIM ON MORNING OF
FEB 16. IN BABIA'S OPINION, INCIDENT RESULTED FROM MISGUIDED
ACTION OF SOME "YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED LIEUTENANT" OF THE PARATROOP
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COMPANY WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO BANDUNDU REGION.

3. GEN BAIBA STATED THAT GOZ TOOK INCIDENT SERIOUSLY. CONSEQUENTLY
HE HAD ESTABLISHED A BOARD OF INQUIRY, HEADED BY SENIOR COLONEL,
TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER WITH A VIEW TO GOZ'S TAKING DISCIPLINARY
ACTION. BABIA ASSURED CHIEF ZAMISH THAT NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS
WERE BEING ISSUED TO ZAIRIAN ARMED FORCES CONCERNING SAFETY AND

WELFARE OF AMERICANS IN GENERAL AND PC VOLUNTEERS IN PARTICULAR.
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